

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Marshall Turns Down EDS Well Proposal

After listening to presentations from both pro- and anti-well spokespersons, a 13-member citizens committee in Marshall, Illinois, has rejected an Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) proposal for the location of a commercial hazardous-waste injection well in their city. The proposal made to the City of Marshall closely resembled the one made to then-Mayor Beverly McAnally and the Romulus City Council in 1990, and included a similar royalty offer.

Marshall City Councilman Jim Ryan – who talked to *The Romulus News* concerning the committee's decision that "too many unknowns" exist to say with certainty that the well can be operated safely – was pleased that Marshall's thorough consideration and rejection of the EDS proposal while it was still in the planning stage averted a situation similar to what now exists in the City of Romulus.

"EDS told us from the very beginning that they would only come to Marshall if they were invited," Ryan explained. "We decided against the deep well, and EDS thanked us and left town."

"I only wish that the other companies that we have had dealings with had been so professional and honest in their relationship."

When contacted for his reaction to the rejection, EDS owner and president Doug Wicklund said, "EDS made the same proposal to Marshall that it did to Beverly McAnally and City attorney Barry Seifman in 1990. Marshall said NO, and we respect their wishes. McAnally and Seifman said YES, so we spent millions of dollars on our well in Romulus. Had McAnally said NO, none of the ongoing controversy would have occurred, and EDS and the Romulus taxpayers would not have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on lawyers."

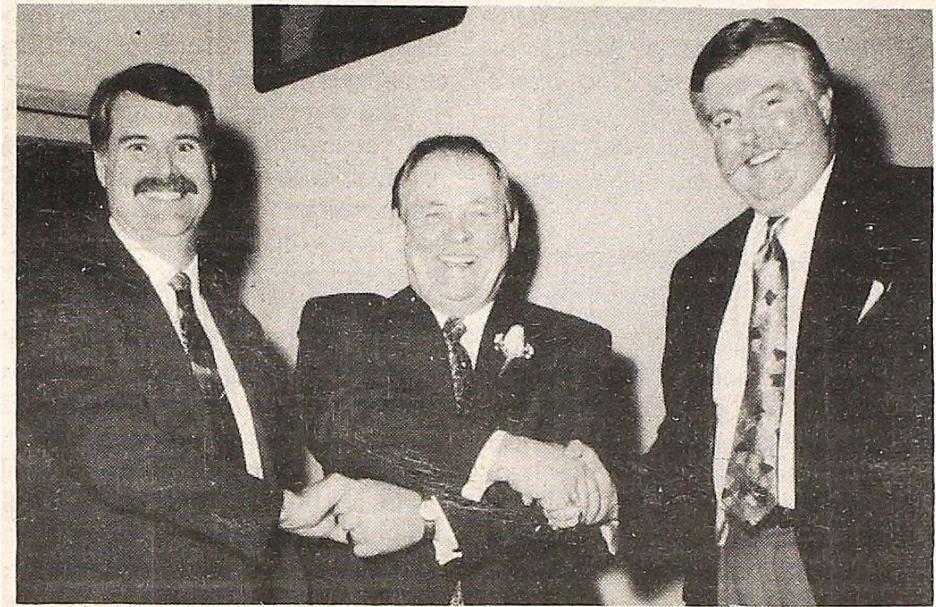
"We call upon the new administration in Romulus to meet with us and to settle our differences in an honest, open, and forthright manner." □

## 400+ Attend City's Inaugural Ball

More than 400 guests were present to honor newly elected Romulus City officials at an inaugural ball held on Saturday, January 27, at the Royce Hotel in Romulus.

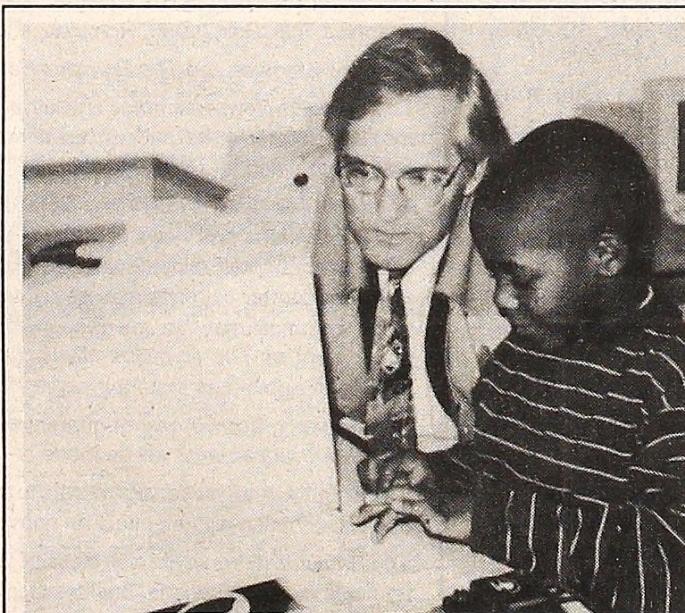
The gala event featured a delicious buffet-style dinner followed by dancing to music provided by DJs Willie Hester and Jerry Gratiot, who were "moonlighting" from their day-jobs as City of Romulus employees.

Among those in attendance at the inaugural ball were State Representative Gregory Pitoniak, State Senator Loren Bennett, Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson, 34th District Court Judges Tina Brooks Green and William Szlinis; Romulus Mayor William Oakley, City Clerk Linda Choate, City Treasurer James Napiorkowski, and City Councilpersons Mary Collins, William Crova, Randolph Gear, Michael Prybyla, Deborah Romak, and William Wadsworth. □



State Senator Loren Bennett (left) and Wayne County Commissioner Bruce Patterson (right) took an opportunity during Saturday's Inaugural Ball to reiterate their congratulations to Mayor William Oakley on his recent election victory. See page 9 for more photos. (courtesy of D. Paul Nelson Studios, Romulus)

## State Board of Education President Durant Visits Romulus Schools



State Board of Education President Clark Durant with a student from Wick Elementary School.

Clark Durant, President of the Michigan Board of Education, recently visited the Romulus Community Schools at the invitation of Romulus Schools Superintendent Dr. William Bedell. A conservative who believes that public education must be reformed, Durant has a genuine desire to see young people achieve.

Durant's visit was part of his across-the-State tour to see education programs firsthand. Because of our district's repu-

tation for being technologically advanced, he was particularly interested in speaking to students and teachers who are using technology in the classroom.

The visit began at Romulus Middle School, where Durant observed students in the computer-driven Lab 2000. Along with teacher John Juriga, Durant talked with youngsters learning various skills while working with other students at one of the 15 different lab stations. Two students prepared a document from the desktop publishing software to later fax to Durant in Lansing.

Moving to Wick Elementary School, Durant saw a demonstration of our Integrated Information System and software program to teach math, writing, and reading. There he talked with elementary teachers and students about their experience with technology and their general feelings about public education.

Cory Elementary School was the last place that Durant visited. He met with Cory staff members, Romulus School Board members Julie Oleszkowicz and Judy Gondek, and representatives from the Electronic Data Systems Corporation who are working at Cory on a volunteer basis as part of the School's business partnership.

Finally, Durant heard from Kathy Hurst, who directs our school district's Student Service Program, as well as from two Romulus High School students involved with service-learning projects.

Before taking his leave, Durant told Bedell that he had enjoyed his visit to Romulus. "I feel that I now have a better understanding of what technology can do for good education," he stated. □

# Letters to the Editor

*Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.*

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

## Resident Asks for True Accounting of Costs

Dear Romulus Citizens/Taxpayers:

My sincere concern for the financial well-being of Romulus and its taxpayers forces me to write this letter to help all of us understand what is really happening with this deep-well issue. I do not feel that we can afford to continue to fight EDS (Environmental Disposal Systems) and I will explain why I feel that way in this letter. But, before I explain why I have this belief, let me first provide you with some facts that some of you may not be aware of:

- EDS was invited into Romulus by former Mayor Beverly McAnally and the Romulus City Council.
- EDS was told by the City that no City permits were required for their deep-well.
- EDS installed its deep-well after obtaining State and Federal permits at the Wahrman Road site, all with the City's full knowledge.
- After the City issued various building permits, it changed its position and sued EDS to stop further development of the well project.
- EDS then sued certain City officials in Federal Court for damages. This lawsuit was recently dismissed; however, the case is being appealed. The Judge took the position that EDS should pursue its claims against the City in the State Courts and return to the Federal Court only if the company loses its appeal in the State Courts.
- EDS has now filed a claim in the State Court against the City for \$100,000,000.
- The City's only argument against EDS on their Wahrman Road site is that the zoning is wrong. EDS has now acquired a new well site in a zoning district recommended and selected by the City and is pursuing permits for a deep-well facility there.

EDS is now pursuing two separate sites in Romulus; operation at one site has been temporarily stopped by Court action and the other may not be able to

be stopped by the City at all. This means that even if the City were to win the lawsuit, it could still end up with a well in Romulus because the City may not be able to stop EDS in Court regarding the company's new site.

But that is not why I am writing to you. I believe that our City attorneys do not even believe that the City can win the lawsuit on the Wahrman Road well site. To me, that means that the City's taxpayers are at risk for serious damages which the Court could award to EDS. This is further supported by EDS's attorneys' willingness to handle the lawsuit at no cost to EDS. In other words EDS's attorneys are going to be paid only if EDS wins the lawsuit. This tells me that EDS's attorneys are very confident that they will win.

On the other hand, we have never been informed by the members of our City administration that they are confident that the City will win. Why not?

If the City loses, the taxpayers are at risk to have to pay EDS a large amount of money. The following is a simple idea of what this could cost us:

- Costs for City attorneys to date: \$500,000 or more.
- Costs for City consultants and City staff to date (estimated): \$100,000 or more.
- Costs for attorneys and consultants to go through trials and appeals: \$250,000.
- EDS damages that the City may need to pay: \$100,000,000.
- Total costs: \$100,850,000.

This total cost is almost \$13,000 per household (based on the Chamber of Commerce estimate of 7,826 households in Romulus). Even if it's only half that much, I can't afford to pay \$6,500 in additional taxes. Maybe members of the City Council can afford this cost, but I can't, and I don't think that other retired folks in our town can either.

**Our city council either needs to have our attorneys tell us that we are not at risk, or they need to settle with EDS. The City Council does not have the right to put our city in this type of risk without answering to taxpayers.**

It is my belief that we are in trouble with this lawsuit, and the public should set up a committee to review the details and inform the Council what should be done. I invite any local attorneys or business persons to participate in such a committee to help save our city from financial ruin.

Yours truly,  
Dolores Witzgall

## Reader Comments on EDS Letter

To the Editor:

The following are my comments on excerpts from a letter that EDS (Environmental Disposal Systems) directed toward Mr. R.P. Lilly (published in your January 19, 1996 newspaper).

EDS says deepwell technology applied in Southeastern Michigan:

- (1) "Eliminates discharges of effluents from disposal into the surface and drinking waters."

Comment: This would be true if we knew the well would be *absolutely fail-safe*. EDS states that "Not once has a Class I deep injection well built to the standards of EDS's existing Romulus well, in this type of geologic condition, ever contaminated any drinking waters." EDS *does not say* that there *has never* been a deepwell system that has failed due to construction or geologic conditions. And the word "standards" really isn't too comforting, because standards can and do change over time as experience necessitates. What we consider

very high standards today may be considered substandard tomorrow. EDS states that there has been no failure of such a well, in such a geologic condition yet, but deepwells for hazardous waste are a fairly new concept put to use, and our experience with them has not been that extensive. We have heard *opinions* that say the geology in this area is suitable for a deepwell and *opinions* that state the opposite. Could a geologist guarantee us that no change will ever occur? Is that possible, since we have absolutely no control over the natural changes the earth is making each and every day? We need *absolute guarantees* that the well *would be fail-safe* and the geologic condition *would never change* because of the following:

- (2) "Provides a means of recycling the disposed liquids at a later date if and when such technology is feasible."

Comment: EDS also stated that recycling "does not exist or is not even close to being economical." *If and when* such technology is feasible" means that

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### State Senator Bennett Comments on Governor's "State of the State" Address

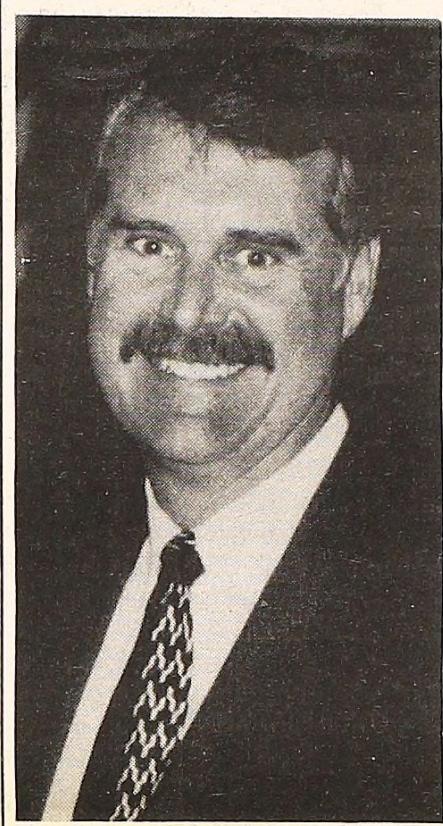
(The purpose of the "Local Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible individuals or spokespersons are invited to make use of this column, at no charge, at any time. For more information, please contact Kristi Stephens, editor, at either 941-1907 or 941-3113.)

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*Editor's note: State Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton Township) has issued the following statement regarding Governor John Engler's "State of the State" Address.*

I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Legislature and with the Governor on this ambitious agenda for 1996. We have shown how much we can accomplish as a team in Michigan. The change we have achieved has been positive, our momentum is still building, and our outlook is optimistic. I embrace the challenges of this new year.

One of my primary concerns for Michigan is our ability to fight crime. Prison overcrowding is a top priority for 1996 and I pledge to work toward safe and practical solutions to this very serious problem. Although the Governor's plan includes the construction of three new prisons and a juvenile prison, the costs to keep building and running these facilities are astronomical. I have intro-



Republican State Senator Loren Bennett is looking forward to working on Governor Engler's ambitious agenda.

duced and the Senate has already passed Senate Bill 681, which would provide for the privatization of Michigan's first "punk prison." I strongly believe that privatization should be explored as a more cost-effective alternative to government-run prisons. There is also some evidence that hard labor may reduce recidivism and that option should be considered. In addition, we may have to devise incarceration alternatives for some nonviolent crimes. Again, it's a serious problem and I'm glad to see it's at the top of the agenda. □

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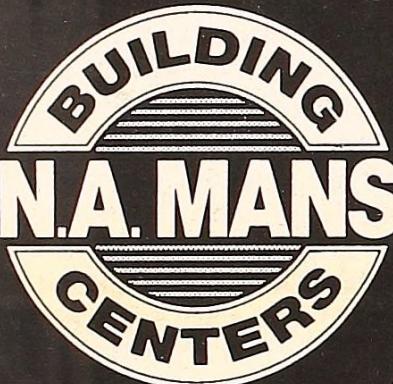
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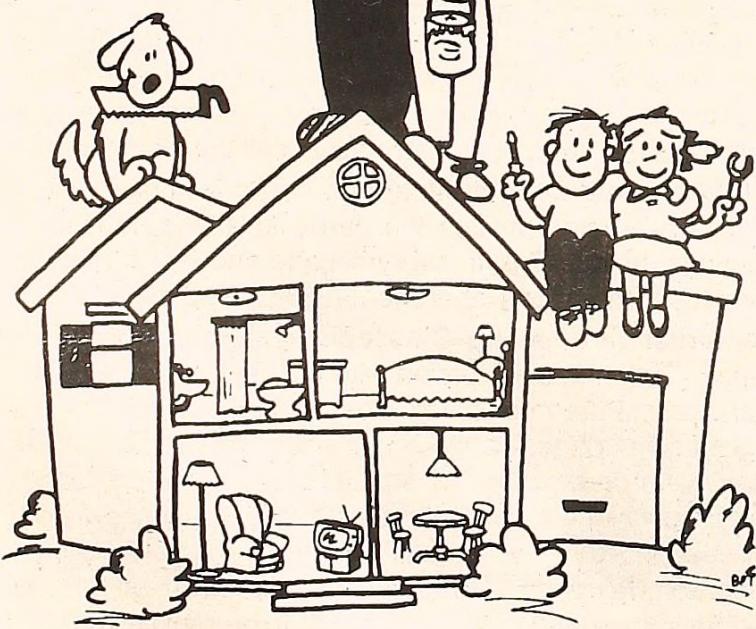
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## Explorers Group Lets Youths Investigate Law Enforcement



Charter members of the Romulus Police Explorers group: (from left) Dan Czajkowski, Brian Steffani, Bernie Gibson, Carla Warner, Tim Green, Jason Orme, and John Manthei. Brian, Carla, and John are students at Romulus High School; Tim attends Huron High; Jason is a student at Belleville High; and Dan and Bernie are Romulus High School graduates.

By Kristi Stephens

Local youths are being afforded a wonderful opportunity to explore a career in law enforcement, thanks to a program initiated by the Romulus Police Department last September.

The Romulus Police Explorers Post #1547—developed by Youth Officer Jeff Lazarski under the direction of Police Chief Daryl Poe—is open to any male or female age 15 to 21, as long as he or she has never been convicted of a felony and has no current criminal charges pending before any court. Parental permission is required for all applicants under 18 years of age, and participants who are still students must maintain a "C"-or-better grade-point average. (Applicants with a grade-point average below a "C" will be accepted, but their scholastic progress will be monitored, and they will have to demonstrate improvement in order to remain in the program.)

The Explorers group generally meets at the Police Department for two to three hours every other week. Lazarski and program assistants Officer Rose Cooper and Officer Michael St. Andre do their best to maintain a flexible meeting schedule to accommodate the members' school and work schedules.

Lazarski speaks with obvious enthusiasm about the unique opportunity offered by the program. "Firsthand exposure to the daily routine of police work gives Explorers participants a chance to discover whether a career in law enforcement is right for them," he explains. "The practical training that our young people receive gives them a more realistic perspective on what being a police officer is actually like."

Besides receiving a good grounding in the job's more prosaic aspects (like proper police decorum, traffic laws, radio procedures, and report writing), Explorers learn about basic patrol pro-

cedures, officer survival skills, and first-aid/CPR techniques. "Hands-on" instruction includes practice at the pistol range to qualify with a 9-mm handgun and police shotgun, riding in a patrol car with an on-duty police officer, and using a radar gun to identify speeding motorists. (Lazarski stresses, however, that participants riding in patrol cars are observers only; they are not permitted to act as "backup" in any situation that could cause them injury.)

Community service is also a priority for Explorers members. Their establishment of a candy-check station at the Burger King on Wayne Road last Halloween is a case in point. Future plans for the group include a "graffiti paint-over" slated for this summer.

Enrollment in the Romulus Police Explorers program is ongoing. Members are required to pay an \$8 entry fee and must purchase their own uniform, which is theirs to keep. For further information about the program, or to enroll, call Officer Lazarski (942-6877) weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or Officer Cooper or St. Andre (941-8400) weekdays from 3 to 11 p.m. □

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recycling such wastes may never come about – so how can we say this is a benefit of the deepwell, if it doesn't even or may never exist! When the well reaches capacity, and recycling is not (and may never be) possible, then what do we do? Would EDS stay on-site forever and maintain a full-time crew to monitor the well and act when the inevitable disaster occurs, which it will, because nothing lasts forever. Would continuing to support wages and taxes for a stagnant business be in their best interest? Since the well would be unmarketable, would EDS find some way to avoid the responsibility, leaving the well (a ticking time bomb) as a gift to the City?

(3) "Decreases or eliminates risks associated with trucking of certain liquid wastes to deepwells outside the State."

Comment: Travel time and mileage would be reduced for those drivers that must now cross State borders. Since EDS is considering the "community" all of Southeastern Michigan, we will still have all the trucks that now travel through this area (although routes may change or be shortened), and we will have trucks (that do not use our "community" highways at this time) coming from other areas of the State or from out of state. What about the increase in train traffic? Since Romulus will be at the center of all the activity, the risk within our city limits and the "community" will definitely increase!

EDS states the facility could provide Romulus with:

(1) "A potential royalty which the community could use to finance a recreation center or improve its roads."

Comment: EDS stated that having the well in Romulus "will also attract other businesses to move into the community due to a need to dispose of liquids economically. This will result in a large number of jobs in the area." If the well were allowed, hazardous-waste-producing companies (EDS's business associates) will flock to Southeast Michigan so that they may have the benefit of saving money to dispose of the waste they create. Romulus will collect royalties, rename the City "Wasteland," and build a recreation center for our children in the midst of it all. Doesn't sound too beneficial or safe an idea for our city, does it? What about the jobs created? People prefer to live near their place of employment and there may be a problem filling those new job positions. Plus, the "community" may lose other businesses because their employees may wish to relocate or may not wish to work in an area of such high risk. Does EDS wish our roads to be improved upon for their benefit? Better roads would reduce vehicle replacement and repair costs for them. What about additional cost to the City to maintain the roads heavily traveled by the increased num-

ber of trucks entering the City? We are working to improve our roads, in our city, for the benefit of our citizens, and we do not need EDS's royalties to provide funding for our roads or a recreation center (should we deem that such would be beneficial to us). If the well were allowed, I believe that the only road that citizens would place emphasis on would be the main road out of the City (and that emphasis would be temporary).

(2) "A way to limit trucking of such wastes through Romulus by establishing enforceable truck routes."

Comment: Who pays to finance the additional persons needed to police and enforce established truck routes? We could establish routes and hope that compliance to these routes is obtained through enforcement, but the fact is that we will still be facing the increased risk caused by an increase in the number of trucks within the City.

(3) "A way to limit the risk of the City having to pay damage moneys to EDS and having to continue to pay legal fees to fight a battle that they may not be able to win."

Comment: We should not be intimidated into believing that fighting this issue is useless or too costly. What price can we put on good health and life – they're priceless. If we give up the fight, we, ultimately, face losing both good health and life for ourselves, our children, and our extended family and friends. If we continue our fight, believe in ourselves, and work with other cities within the "community" as they become aware of the risks they face, we can succeed!

We shouldn't settle for quick fixes to mask our serious problems while we look or hope for a better way to handle them. Deepwell technology hasn't been in use long enough for me to rest assured that it is the safest and best way to handle hazardous waste. Yes, we are allowing some contaminates into our environment with our present practices. But, until recycling of such waste is feasible, we should continue to improve upon our handling techniques above ground. The better alternative surely cannot be to actually begin pumping high concentrations of hazardous waste into the earth, in containment systems that are virtually out of reach, and hope that these systems will never fail. The consequences suffered as a result of failure would be too great. Is it curiosity that feeds the desire of the human race to search and find some use for every inch of the earth? Through our searches, haven't we yet faced the fact that we may have done irreparable damage to places that support our existence (i.e. the rain forests) and that would have been better just left alone?

In closing, Mr. Marshall thinks that it

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## Community Calendar

- **CUMC Roast Beef Dinner** – The Community United Methodist Church of Romulus will host a Roast Beef Dinner fund-raiser on Saturday, February 10, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Church (11160 Olive). Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages five to 12; children under five are admitted free. Everyone is welcome; carry-out is available. For more information, call 941-0736.
- **Menopause Conference** – Dr. Sonya Friedman – author, media personality, and psychologist – will give the keynote address at the Oakwood Healthcare System's sixth annual Turning Points Conference, which is slated for Saturday, February 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dearborn Inn. Conference topics on the subject of this year's "Menopause: A Turning Point, Not a Breaking Point" theme will include managing stress, understanding menopause, estrogen replacement therapy, and osteoporosis. Cost of the program is \$20, and includes an information packet, continental breakfast, lunch, and two workshops. For more information, or to register, please call 593-7401.
- **"Effective Parenting" Training** – One of the Nation's most popular parent-education programs is now available in a new format especially for parents of young children. "Early Childhood STEP (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) of Children Under Six" will be offered at the Family and Neighborhood Services West Office (19101 Inkster Road) beginning on Tuesday, February 13. For more information, call Patricia Taylor-Eubanks at 782-9800.
- **Lend Me a Tenor** – The Huron Civic Theatre (32044 Huron River Drive, in New Boston) will present *Lend Me a Tenor*, a "quintessential farce set in 1930s Cleveland," on Friday, February 16 and 23, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, February 17 and 24, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, February 18 and 25, at 3 p.m. Tickets (\$7 for adults; \$6 for senior citizens and students) are available at the Box Office; call 782-5380.
- **Perinatal Support Group** – The Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center-Wayne Maternal Child Care Department offers a Perinatal Loss Support Group – a healing group for parents who have experienced a loss through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, still-birth, or newborn death. The support group meets every Monday from 7:45 to 9 p.m. at the Center (33155 Annapolis). For more information and/or to RSVP, call 467-5588.
- **Writer Support Group** – Writers Anonymous, a newly formed writer support group encompassing all ages and interests, will meet at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road) on the first and third Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The group's objective is to give honest, constructive criticism and encouragement to its members. For information, call the Library at 942-7589.
- **Romulus Little League Meetings** – The Romulus Little League Board of Directors invites the public to attend its twice-monthly meetings, held at 7 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins).
- **Premarital Counseling Classes** – Oakwood Hospital Heritage Center-Taylor, in cooperation with the Taylor Teen Health Center, offers premarital counseling classes that will fulfill the State of Michigan marriage license requirement. Participants will receive information on sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, and prenatal care from a highly qualified health educator. Classes are offered on the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at 10000 Telegraph, Taylor (in the in-service classroom at the hospital). Cost is \$25 for couples; \$15 for individuals. To preregister, call 374-2273.

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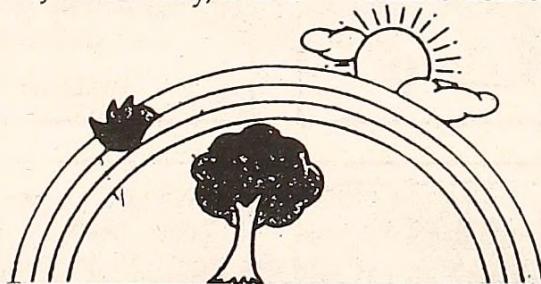
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This business-school partnership activity, promoted by Bob Bracie of Ford Motor and Principal Ed Clark, allows experienced team workers from Ford to work directly and personally with 36 seventh- and eighth-grade students from the School.

Clark welcomed the 20 visitors who work at the Ford warehouse in Romulus and the Ford New Model Program Development Center in Allen Park. "This has been a great experience for our students," Clark said. "We thought the program would be beneficial to the students, but we never dreamed the students would become so actively involved. The Ford people are just great, and we owe them our deep and sincere thanks."

The Middle School students worked closely for six months with selected employees from Ford Motor Company. The goals for this business-education partnership program were to increase student awareness of certain job responsibilities in the work place and to allow young people to explore different careers at Ford. After the initial contact, students then selected a Ford employee as a mentor to learn their job responsibilities and skills needed to do the job well.

Many of the people who worked with this program for Ford are members of UAW Locals 245 and 931, and are

proud of their union affiliation. As Time Management Supervisor Bob Bracie stated, "Thanks to Ford management and the UAW, we now not only work in a community, but become active participants in programs that make the community a better place to live. Young people are the future for continued success, not only for Ford Motor Car Company, but in the community where these students will live. In a few years these students will replace us, and it is very important for them to learn now that they must stay in school, set goals and career plans, avoid alcohol and drugs, and learn to solve their problems peacefully."

Seventh-grade student Crystal Campbell felt the program was very beneficial. "I learned a lot from the Ford employees. All of them are nice and seemed to care about us as individuals. The visit to Ford was enjoyable and showed me that work can be challenging but fun. What they taught us about drug abuse scared me, but it did show me that drugs are stupid to use."

School counselor Al Wilkerson agreed that the program accomplished much more than he envisioned. Also, Wilkerson believes that the Ford employees involved in the program now understand better the attitudes and problems of middle-school youngsters.

The day ended with students and adults meeting in a large classroom to summarize each activity of the program. Although all of the data has not been completely analyzed, Clark assured everyone that the students' grade-point averages had improved, as well as the attendance and behavior of the students involved with the school-business partnership program. □

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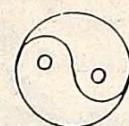
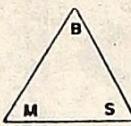
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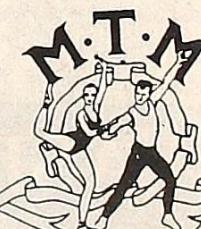
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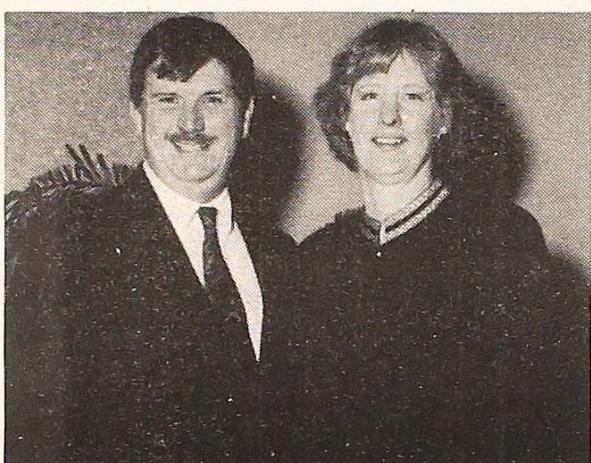
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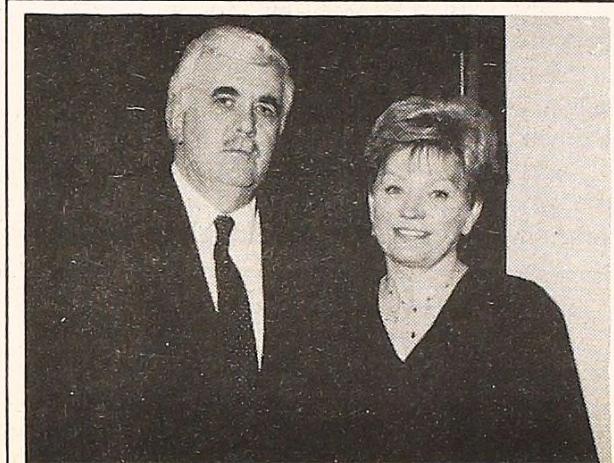
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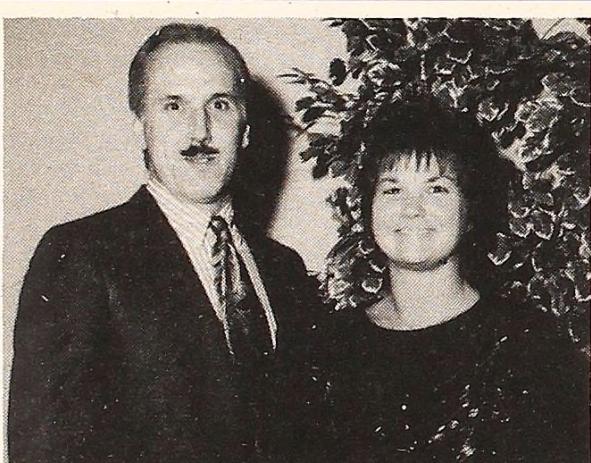
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# The Writer's Block

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By Lorie Beardsley

Have you ever written a poem or short story, or started a novel? Do you wonder how others would react to your writing?

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Writers Anonymous members listen to and react to each other's writing. They also offer each other support as they pursue writing goals. Whether your forte is poetry, historical fiction, or journalism, you'll find someone at Writers Anonymous who shares your interest.

Although some members of Writers Anonymous have been published and some haven't, all will offer their insights

and opinions. Suggestions regarding a piece can be given in a group discussion or privately on copies of one's writing.

At the last meeting, one member received comments on her comparison of three baby boomers. (*Editor's note:* See page 11 for story.) A young member received advice about turning a short story into a novel. Another member presented a challenge to fear in a very unique format.

Because members of Writers Anonymous know that writing is work, sometimes discouraging work, they make constructive comments, not destructive comments. The Writers Anonymous environment provides encouragement to keep writing. Members also provide information, such as news of contests or writing seminars, of interest to friends in the group.

If you've tried writing, or if you've thought about it, come to the Romulus Public Library. Writers Anonymous meets from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. The next meeting is Monday, February 5. □

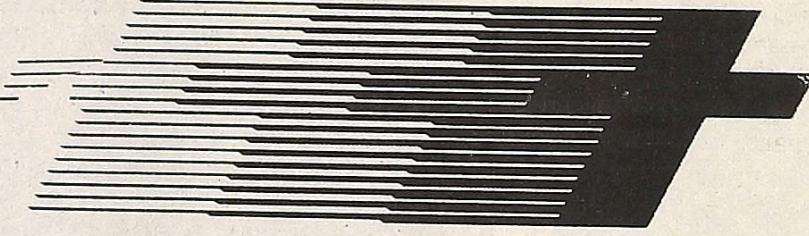
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### REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 8, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, January 8, 1996 was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Debra A. Hoffman.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hoffman.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1/96/1 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

1/96/2 Moved by Berlinn supported by Gondek to approve the Minutes of December 11, 1995 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, recommended the following personnel actions for Board approval: A. Retirement – Hauke Kar, Teacher, Merriman Elementary School, Effective January 26, 1996; and B. Employment – Linda Wells, LD Teacher, Middle School, Effective January 8, 1996.

1/96/3 Moved by Berlinn supported by Langley to approve the personnel actions as recommended by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bills for Payment

1/96/4 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley to approve the Bills for Payment as recommended by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Bond Refunding – Stauder/Barch

1/96/5 Move that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution accepting the bond resolution as structured and reallocating debt millage. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Tech Prep Presentation

Mr. William Murphy, Terry Bird, Doug Hoffman, and Mel Kimbrough presented and responded to questions as they relate to the Tech Prep Program with members of the Board and Administration.

#### Discussion of High School Computers

Mr. Arthur McPharlin, Director of Technology, discussed the need for purchasing Business Area computers at the High School. He stated that he would solicit bids and present them at the meeting of January 22, 1996.

#### Board Recognition Month

Mr. Arthur McPharlin, Director of Technology, presented the Board of Education with commemorative cups and a proclamation declaring January "Board of Education Month" in appreciation of their years of dedicated service to the children of the Romulus community.

#### Expressions and Communications from the Public

None.

#### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed the following items of interest with the Board of Education: 1) "Thanks" – Oakwood Hospital; 2) WCCC Reopening Letter; 3) Henry James Congratulations; and 4) Parent Praise – Halecreek School.

#### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Dr. Sam La Monica indicated that there was a MAISL meeting on January 11, 1996 to discuss the new School Code.

Mrs. Sandra F. Langley requested that the air filtration system be checked out because of the alleged high rate of absenteeism at Barth Elementary School. Mr. Carr stated that he will investigate and report back to the Board.

Mr. Howard J. Kesner reminded the Board that the Policy Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 9, 1996 at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Pat Patterson is the Grandpa of a little girl named Courtney Jean, the daughter of Julie and Todd Patterson.

Mrs. Debra Hoffman stated that there were two vacancies for the Wayne County Association of School Boards. Information was given to Mr. Kenneth E. Berlinn.

Mr. Berlinn commented on the lateness of the Downriver Community Conference invitation that was placed in his Board packet.

Mrs. Debra A. Hoffman thanked the Honor Roll students for selling Goodfellow papers.

#### Executive Session – Negotiations

1/96/6 Moved by Kesner supported by Patterson that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:38 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:34 P.M.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

1/96/7 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

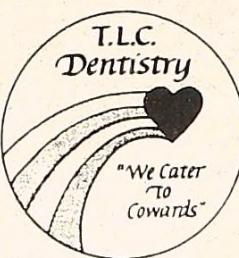
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# Baby Boomers

By Jan Conrad

I'm compelled this year to think a lot about my birthday. Besides being a significant birthday, media coverage of the momentous year of 1996 has been extensive as the first of the "Baby Boomers" reach age 50.

Actually I don't really consider myself part of the "Boomers." Japan didn't surrender until August, 1945. Even allowing for babies who arrived early, one can't really say the "Post War Baby Boom" began until April, 1946. I was born in January of that year.

My Dad, an Air Force radio operator on a B-17 bomber, was shot down over Italy in February, 1945. After spending six weeks in an Army hospital in Italy, he flew three more missions before being reassigned to a base in Florida. Mother went down to visit and returned to Ohio pregnant. Dad used to tell me not to ever complain that I wasn't well-traveled. "After all," he'd say, "you have been to Florida."

There is another reason I maintain that I'm not a true "Boomer." I skipped many of the experiences attributed to that demographic group. I didn't protest the Vietnam war. I didn't go to college. I didn't expect to climb the corporate ladder. I wasn't an early feminist. I didn't become part of the "me" generation with a big house and fancy possessions. I stuck closer to the values and life style more characteristic of my lower-middle-class, blue-collar background. I was only on the cusp of change and think of myself as a pre-Boomer baby.

Putting that technicality aside, I ponder two fellow early boomers. You see, Dolly Parton, Cher, and I were all born early in 1946. Dolly and I are turning 50 within three days of each other. Cher, however, won't become 50 this year.

I'm not sure how Cher managed to do it, but I notice that her age, as recorded in magazines and newspapers, is less than the age that Dolly and I have attained. I considered the possibility

that Cher is computing her age based on an average age of various body parts. If gossip columnists are correct, Cher has a number of parts that are younger than some of her other parts, hence leading to a lower average age for her as a whole. I don't get to average out my body parts as I still have most of my original equipment. The ones I don't have were removed rather than replaced, reshaped, or refurbished.

Following this logic, however, would mean that Dolly, who is quite open about her own forays to the plastic surgeon, must also be younger than I am. I check the latest gossip columns. Sure enough, Dolly is still my age. In fact, she is the older one, although I am not sure if that makes me feel better or worse about the whole situation.

Digressing a bit. Is there a correlation between our birth order and the relative sizes and body structures of the three of us? I seem to have a fairly average quantity of mammary tissue. But I do wonder if Dolly didn't get a great deal of the allotment for the time period, leaving a deficit when Cher came along.

Going back to the age disparity, I conclude that the pace of life must be a factor. And since by no stretch of imagination would anyone believe that this Midwestern homemaker has lived at a faster pace than Cher, a faster life pace must result in age loss. Perhaps the months and years just can't keep up the accelerated speed of celebrity living. Following that logic further, one must conclude that Dolly also lived slower than Cher. Or at least, the periods of accelerated living that Dolly did experience came at a less formative time of her life. For only Cher lost so much ground that her age has never had the opportunity to catch up.

So I wish a very happy fiftieth birthday to Dolly, to the first of the boomers, and to me.

As for Cher, I wish her a very happy birthday of whatever year she is now entering. □

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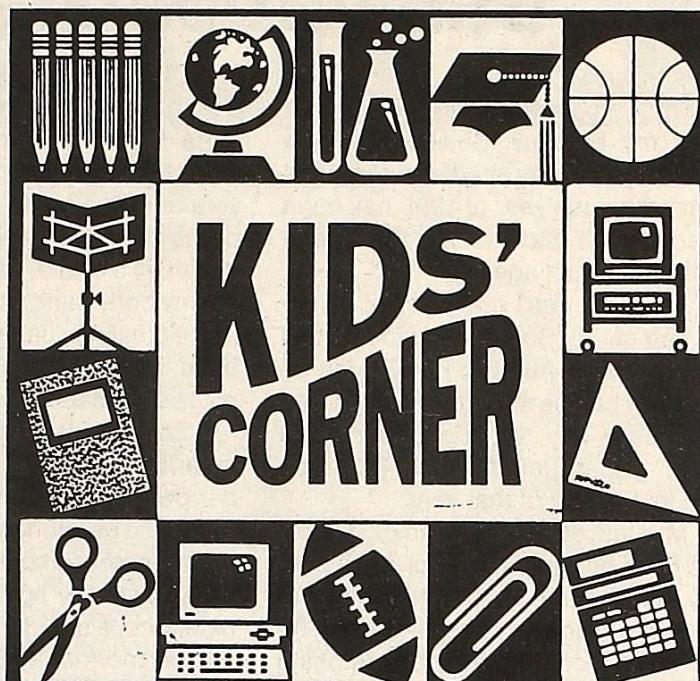
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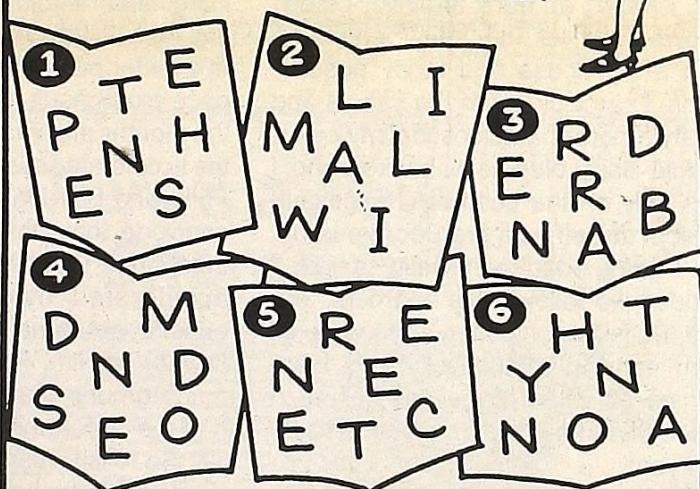
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- *That's amoré:* During the Middle Ages, Italians would spend Valentine's Day in gardens listening to romantic poetry and music.

- *Romantic onions:* Believe it or not, onions once held a place in romance. German girls who wished to marry used to tie boys' names to onions, then plant them in a container on Valentine's Day.

The girls believed they'd marry the boy whose name was attached to the first

onion to sprout.

- *Hand jive:* In the old days of France and England, a man would ask for a woman's hand in marriage by giving her gloves on Valentine's Day.

- *Jail bird or love bird?:* The oldest known Valentine was written in 1415 by a Frenchman who was in prison after being captured by the British.

- *Serious sentiments:* In 18-th century Europe, people wrote Valentine messages on small cards called "visiting cards."

- *Love letters:* With the exception of Christmas, Americans exchange more cards on Valentine's Day than any other time of year.



### Romantic Puzzler

Listed below are words and phrases associated with Valentine's Day. How many can you find and circle in the scrambled letter puzzle? The words go horizontally and vertically, backwards and forwards.

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- *Eyes:* Always protect them. If an object ever lodges in one of your eyes, don't rub it or you could scratch the cornea. Try closing your eye for a few moments to let your tears wash out the foreign body. Get your vision checked every year.

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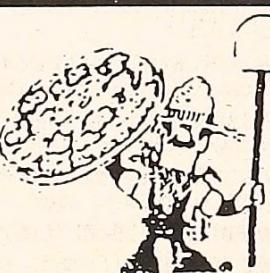
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**U of D vs. Loyola**

Youths age eight and older are invited to attend the University of Detroit Titans vs. Loyola basketball game set for Saturday, February 24. The bus will leave the Recreation building at 3:30 p.m. and return around 7 p.m. A cost of \$1 per child covers admission, transportation, and adult supervision. Participation is limited to the first 50 registrants. Sign up at the Rec Center.

**Youth Basketball**

Boys and girls in grades three through six are encouraged to participate in the Romulus Recreation Department's Saturday youth basketball program, which began at all elementary schools on January 20. Cost for the 10-week program is \$20 per child or \$35 per family, and includes instruction, games, and a shirt.

The Recreation Department is also looking for people interested in coaching the youth basketball program. Applicants should be hard-working individuals who will serve as excellent role-models for the youngsters involved. Pay for this part-time (Saturdays only) job is \$5.50 per hour. All interested persons should contact the City of Romulus Personnel Department and fill out an application, or call Keith at the Recreation Department (942-6852). □

**Alumni, Rotary Sponsor 4th Annual Chili Cook Off & Euchre Tournament**

By Marge Bergman

It's time to mark your calendar for the Fourth Annual Chili Cook Off and Euchre Tournament, to be held next week at Romulus High School. The Chili Judging will start at 6:30 p.m. in order to give the judges time to complete their work so that they can also enjoy the Euchre Tournament, which will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. Both events will once again be held in the High School's home-economics complex (Rooms 507 and 508) on the south side of the building. Please park in the south lot by the traffic light.

Last year's Chili Cook Off winners, Dr. Terry LeCesne and Jon Bergman, will hopefully be in atten-

dance to defend their titles. Euchre Champ for 1995 was Brian Oakley.

As always, card players are welcome to sample the chili entries throughout the evening and see if they agree with the judges' decisions. Please bring your own drinks (nonalcoholic, of course).

And remember that you don't have to be an Alumni Association member to participate! Spouses, friends, relatives, etc., are all more than welcome to join us for the night.

No preregistration is required. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 941-0610 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., or at home at 326-0889 any other time. See you next week! □

# Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to the staff of the City of Romulus Senior Citizens Center for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

## Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of February: Betty Balcom, Frances Bredow, Laura Chesno, Ricky Covertt, William Daniel, Bernice Davis, Grace Diller, Hazel Faust, Thelma Griffin, Adeline Hoerl, Ruth Murphy, Ida Noble, Julia Traskos, and Madeline Yearly.

## Get SMART!

The Romulus Senior Center would like to remind everyone of the availability of the new SMART Connector bus, which provides curb-to-curb transportation service within the City any weekday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at a cost of only \$2 per person (\$1 for senior citizens and people with disabilities). Rides must be reserved in advance. For information, or to schedule a ride, call 941-8996.

## Free Tax Service for Seniors

Beginning February 7 and continuing through April 10, volunteers will be available (by appointment only) at the Romulus Senior Center each Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. to assist low- and moderate-income Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040, home-heating, prescription, and property-tax forms. A list of those materials which must be brought to the appointment will be provided at the time of registration. Call the Center for info.

## Center Has New Drop-in Program for Legal Counseling

Citizens age 50 and over are encouraged to take advantage of the Romulus Senior Center's new drop-in program for free legal advice and consultations. Each of the bimonthly sessions will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. This month's program dates are February 7 and 21.

## Valentine Potluck

What better time to bring a dish and bring a friend than the Valentine Potluck set for 2 p.m. on Monday February 12? Diners will enjoy a main dish of "Sloppy Joes" and other brought-along goodies, plus a special performance by the Romulus Middle School choir under the direction of Judy Thompson-Barthwell, who teaches at the Middle School and the High School. Sign up at the Center.

## Paczkis!

Make the most of a "Fat Tuesday" splurge on February 20 when the Romulus Senior Center will serve fresh paczkis ("poonckies") and hot coffee from 8:30 to 10 a.m. There is no charge to attend, but please notify the Center of your intention to come so that there will be enough goodies for all.

## Shopping Trips

For a transportation cost of \$1.50, Romulus seniors can ride the Center's van to shop at Southland Mall on Friday, February 9, or at the Taylor Meijer and Target stores on Friday, February 23. Space is limited; payment of transportation fee reserves your seat on a first-come, first-served basis. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

## Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about this or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call 942-6852.

- **"The Best of Detroit"** – A special progressive luncheon planned for Friday, May 17, will allow interested seniors to sample the fare at Detroit's finest dining establishments. Stops will include Greek Town's Cypress Taverna (where you'll enjoy Horiatiki Village salad made from tomato, cucumber, pepper, Greek olives, and feta cheese smothered in Greek dressing), Joe Muir's Seafood Restaurant (where you can choose from blackened breast of chicken, Lake Superior whitefish, Boston scrod, frog legs, northern lake pickerel, and fresh lake smelt), and the Ponchartrain Hotel. Cost of the tour is \$51.

## Attention Walkers!

The Romulus Senior Center is continuing a program which allows interested senior citizens to participate in an indoor, move-at-your-own-pace walk program at Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus. Transportation to the free Wednesday-morning sessions departs from the Center at 9 a.m.; returns at about 10:30 a.m.

## Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in on your own or bring a friend for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); euchre (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); pinochle (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and/or quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.). □

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**BELLEVILLE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** – 11900 Belleville Rd. / Belleville / 697-8687 / Rev. Deborah VanLeuven Kerr, Pastor / Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. / Craft Circle – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. / Women's Association Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of some months – 7:30 p.m.

**BETHANY APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH** – 34584 Beverly Rd. / 729-4240 / Elder Reginald Williams, Pastor / Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11:15 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 7:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH** – 30055 Ecorse Rd. / 728-1845

**BETHANY CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH** – 35737 Vinewood / 326-0810 / Robert L. Gordon, Pastor / Sunday School – 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m.

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**CALvary BAPTIST CHURCH** – 11338 Ozga Rd. / 941-0236 / Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor / Sunday School – 10 a.m. / Sunday Adult Bible Study – 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 6 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study – 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST** – 9426 S. Wayne Rd. / Office: 721-2585 / Phil Morr, Evangelist / Sunday Bible Study – 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 6 p.m. / Wednesday Evening Worship – 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY** – 7201 Kempa St. / 729-2283

**CHURCH OF GOD-ROMULUS** – 8770 S. Wayne Rd. / 729-4884 / Parsonage: 729-7234 / Rev. Douglas M. Bishop, Pastor / Sunday School – 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. / Sunday Children's Church – 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 6:30 p.m. / Family Training Service – Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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**COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH** – 6200 Fourth St. / 729-0630 / 419-727-0631 / Rev. Hiram McBurrowst, Pastor / Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 6 p.m.

**COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** – 11160 Olive St. / 941-3474 / Brad Lewis, Pastor / 941-0736 / Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m.

**FAITH HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH** – Oakbrooke Villa Club House / 30251 Elm Street (1 Block South of Eureka) / Rev. Earl W. Ellison, Sr., Pastor / 941-4855 or 721-8489 / Sunday School – 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11:30 a.m.

**FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD** – 870 Savage Rd. / Belleville / 699-6700 / Kenneth W. Miller, Pastor / Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 6 p.m. / Wednesday Family Night – 7 p.m.

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**MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** – 35565 Beverly Rd. / 729-2460 / James Thompson, Pastor / 531-1285 / Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. / Wednesday Prayer Meeting – 6:30 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study – 7 p.m.

**NEW FAITH CHAPEL** – 19498 Middlebelt Rd. / 783-1490 / Curt Swick, Pastor / 381-5630 / Sunday Morning Worship – 10:30 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 6:00 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study – 7:00 p.m.

**PARKS MEMORIAL A.M.E.** – 11547 Grover St. / 941-0771 / Rev. Jeffery Baker, Pastor / Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study – 6 p.m.

**PENTECOSTAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** – 35625 Vinewood St. / 728-1390 / Rev. Arthur C. Willis, Pastor / 548-5954 / Sunday School – 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11:30 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study – 6:30 p.m.

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**SAINT CITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** – 7335 Washington / 595-0629 / Pastor: Elder James Lee Whitehead / Sunday School – 9:30 p.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 7 p.m. / Sunday Evening Radio Broadcast on WMUZ-FM 103.5 at 7:30 p.m. / Tuesday Evening Bible Study & Youth Night – 7 p.m. / Choir Rehearsal – Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. / Friday Evening Family Night – 7 p.m.

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If you would like to have your church listed in the church directory (there is no charge), or, if you have changes or additions in church information, please send it to:

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**The Stork Arrived****Joshua Miguel Nowakowski**

Proud parents of their first child, Joshua Miguel Nowakowski, are Mark and Iris Ortega Nowakowski of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Joshua was born in Butterworth Hospital (Grand Rapids, MI) at 1 a.m. on Sunday, December 3, 1995, weighing in at six pounds, nine ounces, and measuring 19 inches in length.

Also giving the new arrival a warm welcome into their family are Joshua's paternal grandparents, Jim and Janet Nowakowski (Romulus, MI); his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ortega (Puerto Rico); and his paternal great-grandparents Leona Schorling (Wayne, MI) and Irene Nowakowski (Romulus, MI). □

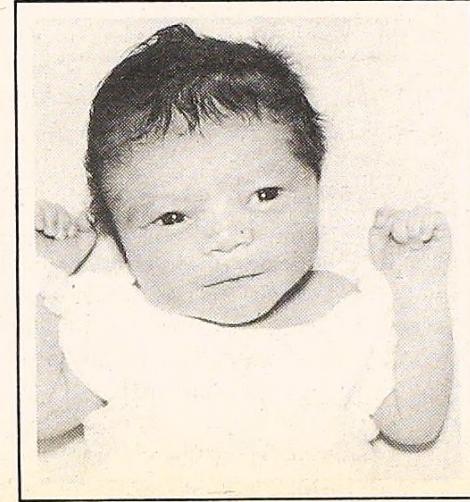
**Tiara Monica Webb**

Welcoming their first child – Tiara Monica Webb – are proud new parents Robert and Tasha Webb of Romulus, Michigan.

Born in Annapolis Hospital (Wayne, MI) on Wednesday, January 3, 1996, Tiara weighed six pounds, six ounces, and measured 19 inches in length.

Tiara's paternal grandparents are Bobby and Eva Webb (Romulus, MI); her maternal grandparents are Ronald and Ruth Griffin (Romulus, MI).

Tiara's parents and grandparents would like to extend a special "thank-you" to Dr. Leela Suruli and the assistance staff of Annapolis Hospital for a professional job well done throughout



Tasha's pregnancy and delivery. □

**Obituaries****Ernie A. Dudick**

Ernie A. Dudick of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, January 22, 1996. He was 93 years old.

The Huron Township native – born on March 13, 1902 – had worked for Dearborn's Greenfield Village before his retirement.

Surviving Ernie are two nieces, Dorothy M. Dziobak (Plymouth, MI) and Margaret Hamilton (Tallahassee, FL),

and one nephew, John Paul Dudick (California). He was predeceased by eight brothers.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 25, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Robert Allmann (St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Boston, MI) officiating. Interment was at Mallott Cemetery (Huron Township, MI).

**Sophia I. Rysicki**

Sophia I. Rysicki of Romulus, Michigan, died on Sunday, January 14, 1996, at the age of 83. The Ford Motor Company retiree was born March 19, 1912.

Sophia is survived by two sisters, Ann Vercak (Romulus, MI) and Stephanie Wizner (Warren, MI).

Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 18, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). □



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